

## The Suggestibility Problem

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**If you are concerned about the controversy over children's suggestibility,**  
the following is a quotation from the abstract of relevant peer-reviewed research:

“Although it is relatively easy to suggest to a child a change in an event that was experienced, it is less likely that an event can be planted in or erased from memory. It is thus inappropriate to provide courtroom testimony regarding the probability of suggestively planting false memories based on the class suggestibility research, which has largely been restricted to the study of suggestively changing memories.”

“The Suggestibility of Children's Memory for Being Touched: Planting, Erasing and Changing Memories”. K. Pezdek & C. Roe, *Law and Human Behavior*: 21(1):95-106, 1997